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Examiner: L. Wells Art Unit: 1619
Re: Application of: Sackler, et al.
 Serial No.: 09/624,530
 Filed: July 24, 2000
 For: **METHOD OF TREATING HUMANS WITH
 OPIOID FORMULATIONS HAVING
 EXTENDED CONTROLLED RELEASE**

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RESPONSE

Box: AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 26, 2002, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 6-23 are currently pending.

I. Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

The rejection of claims 1-19 [sic] "under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting on the grounds of being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,478,577; Application No. 09/390,719; Application No. 08/938,898; and Application No. 09/304694 was maintained for the reasons set forth in the Office Action mailed October 12, 2001, Paper No. 9, and those found below."